EAST PORTLEMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minutes of the meetings held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 6th October 2026 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Nichola Craven (NC), Tim Fisher (TF), Judith Hilditch (JH), John Miller (JM), Lulu Stacey (LS, Parish Clerk)
Members of the public: 6 members of the public were present.

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Open Forum – Water leak investigations ongoing at Vinivers cross. 5 members of the public spoke regarding High Nature planning application.
District and County Councillor reports – None
713. Apologies – Julian Brazil (JB, DCC), Ann Jones (AJ, Vice Chair), Robin Piggott (RP), John Taylor (JT),
714. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st September 2026 were approved.
715. Declarations of interest – JM will withdraw from Discussion of planning item 1113/26/VAR as noise is a sensitive issue for his property.
716. Planning & planning matters –
For consideration 1113/26/VAR High Nature Centre – Object, comments can be viewed at https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/1113/26/VAR; **2473/26/HHO** Waterside – No objection, comments can be viewed at https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2473/26/HHO; **2519/26/TPO** Mill Bay car park – no objection.
717. Chair's report covered below
718. Matters for discussion –
a) Flooding and drain clearance. Village Farm have met with FiBL, an organic farmers organisation, for funding to divert runoff across their land above the car park. EPPC agreed to support the funding application. The funding is now dependant on confirmation from DCC Highways to agree how the water is captured roadside and for the Flood and Coastal Risk Management team to agree that this will not cause problems elsewhere. Date for on-site meeting with these two bodies TBC.
b) Public conveniences at Ferry steps. JT to provide SHDC with a cleaning and maintenance plan to keep the facilities open during the winter.
c) Traffic regulation order. LS to contact highways regarding request for double yellow lines on corner below bus stop.
719. Councillors' areas of special responsibility

- Foreshore owners' liaison (NC) – None.
- Footpaths & hedgerows (JH) – Wasp nest reported on pathway leading to Ferry steps - To locate and inform SHDC.
- Highways (JT) – Buddle by Harbour Watch full of mud again.
- Dog matters (RP) – None.
- Parking (JM) — No further update on Gara Rock non-residents carpark, awaiting planning application
- Trees (TF) – None.

720. Finance

a) Payments of £139.50 to L Stacey; £47 data protection fee; Travel bursaries of £360 and £800 all agreed.
b) Cash at bank before payments above noted as £31, 271.99

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at 7pm

Signed:……..
Chairman

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